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TAFT IS HAILED AS ROOSEVELT'S SUCCESSOR

All Washington Rejoices Over Victory in Ohio and it is Freely Predicted That Other States Will Quickly Fall Into Line.

It is Asserted That no Deals Were Made and That the Surrender of Foraker Forces was Complete—Secretary Taft is Highly Pleased with the Result but the Only Visible Result is His Perpetual Smile—He Absolutely Refuses to Talk.

Washington, May 10.—Secretary of War Taft is being hailed in Washington as the next president of the United States.

The complete collapse of the Foraker-Dick opposition in Ohio gives the secretary clear sailing in his own state and opens the way for the Taft boom in all the other states.

The developments in Ohio, so beneficial to the Taft prospects, are not over-estimated by Mr. Taft's friends here when they declare that the evidence of public sentiment, which forced the unconditional surrender of Foraker, Dick, Cox and the other organization leaders who had been fighting the secretary, is an indication of the general sentiment of the country in favor of the man who will continue the Roosevelt policy, and who in himself represents the highest qualities of American citizenship and statesmanship. President Roosevelt himself is delighted with the turn of affairs and makes no concealment of his sentiments.

"It could not possibly be better" is the feeling expressed at the White House.

Naturally Secretary Taft is more than pleased but he will say nothing. He makes it clear, however, that he fully realizes the good effect the surrender in Ohio must have upon his political future. His attitude with respect to the whole question of the nomination is that of a man who is ready to respond to the call of duty.

"If the people of the United States want me for president, I am ready to serve them to the best of my ability," is the burden of all that the secretary can be induced to say either for the information of the public or for the benefit of his closest friends.

Mr. Taft is not seeking the presidency as other men have sought it, nor will he engage in a contest for delegates anywhere. He is prepared to fight for the principles he upholds, and if upon this ground the people choose him as the successor of President Roosevelt, his gratification and his appreciation will be expressed in no unmeasured terms. He is willing that the people shall make their own choice.

It was the popular sentiment in Ohio in Taft's behalf that compelled the Foraker-Dick combination to join the Taft cause, lest they themselves should go down to certain political annihilation. In receiving the endorsement of the state leaders, Secretary Taft has made absolutely no promises, no deals. His hands are as free as they were when the machine in Ohio was fighting him the most vigorously.

The result in Ohio is all the more gratifying to the Taft boomers because they now expect other states to fall in line and declare themselves for the nomination of the Ohio man for president. Senators and representatives in various sections, who have recently visited Washington, have been waiting to

see just what strength the secretary would develop in his native state before announcing themselves. Now that Ohio has spoken and the will of the people has triumphed, it is believed that there will be a scramble to get on the Taft band wagon in every state in the Union.

FORAKER MUST FIGHT ALONE.

Washington, May 10.—It can be positively stated that Secretary Taft's friends have entered into no deal, compromise or agreement with the Foraker forces and will not do so. When Taft permitted his name to be used as a presidential candidate, he insisted that he should be bound by no promises. That is the situation today. His friends will not join in the endorsement of Foraker for the senatorship. They realize that there is a very considerable sentiment throughout Ohio opposed to Foraker, which will fight against giving him another term. Taft's friends are not going to oppose this sentiment. Foraker will receive no aid from the Taft forces. That means that Foraker now has the fight of his life on his hands.

TAFT MEN MAY NOT ATTEND CONFERENCE.

Columbus, O., May 10.—Unless the senatorial alliance agrees that no attempt will be made at Wednesday's conference, to endorse Foraker for senator, the Taft people threaten to refuse to attend. Vorys, the head of the Taft machine, and Burton wants it understood they are not responsible for the calls issued by Chairman Dick and Brown and they will not be a party to deal which has as its object the humiliation of Roosevelt, and this is what the endorsement of Foraker is construed to mean.

WAILS OF MOURNERS AWAKENED THE CORPSE

Indianapolis, Ind., May 10.—John Rolan awakened from a nap last night to find a weird scene in his own home. His wife was grief-stricken over the belief that he had been run down by a Big Four train and killed. Early in the evening she had called at police headquarters to learn if he had been seen by members of the department. She described him and was told that a person answering her husband's description had been decapitated by a train. She hastened to the morgue and, in her wild grief, mistook the severed head for that of her husband. She

was taken home, where she made such an outcry that the sleeping husband was awakened. He came down stairs to find that they were bemoaning his loss. He had been at home the entire evening. The dead man has not been identified.

SIBERIA SHAKEN BY EARTHQUAKE.

London, May 10.—Dispatches from Irkutsk, Siberia, say that the city was severely shaken by a series of earthquake shocks, Friday. No details of deaths or the extent of property destruction were given.

JURY BOX IS FILLED

Hargis Trial is Started—Prescribed Limit will be Reached in Challenges.

Lexington, Ky., May 10.—A special venire of jurymen arrived this morning from Scott county and work was commenced on the jury, which will try Judge James Hargis for the murder of James Cook.

The jury box was filled at noon, having in it five Fayette county men and seven taken from Scott county. Both sides will challenge to the limit prescribed.

LOPS IS OUSTED

Head of Youngstown's Schismatic Church is Excommunicated.

Cleveland, O., May 10.—Bishop Horstmann has excommunicated Rev. Alloysius Lops head of the schismatic church at Youngstown. Notice will be read in all Catholic churches in the diocese Sunday. Catholics, who have gone with Lops, are ordered to return on pain of excommunication. The Bishop says Lops presumed to act as pastor against the prelates will, after the death of the former pastor.

CANIBALISM PRACTICED TO A LARGE EXTENT

Vancouver, May 10.—According to advices by the Canadian-Australian liner, Manuka, from Sydney the steamer Sumatra which recently called at Sir Charles Hardy group in the South seas and discovered that cannibalism is being carried on to a large extent among the natives. All villages were destroyed and the ring leader was arrested.

BEAR PANIC

July Wheat Makes a Great Jump on the New York Board of Trade.

Chicago, May 10.—In an unprecedented bear panic on the board of trade today, July wheat advanced from \$5 3/4 to \$8 5/8. The largest investors are buying heavily and the tendency of the market is to soar again tomorrow.

The sharp advances in price of wheat were caused by government report on the crop conditions in May. The reduction in the crop was caused by the invasion in wheat countries of the "Green Bug."

Big traders were caught short and for an hour the greatest excitement prevailed.

VERY BRIEF HONEYMOON

Mayor Tom L. Johnson's Daughter has Deserted Her Husband.

Cleveland, O., May 10.—Elizabeth Johnson Mariani, daughter of Mayor Tom Johnson, and wife of Signor Frederico Mariani, has left her husband. Mrs. Mariani is in a New York hotel, while her husband is back at the bachelor apartments he occupied prior to his marriage. In the same city, Mrs. Tom L. Johnson is in a New York hospital prostrated, while Mayor Johnson is with her. The wedding took about six weeks ago here, and was the result of a romance a Monte Carlo, Mariani is not wealthy but his family is an old one. Mayor Johnson will not talk of the separation.

STORK PAYS VISIT TO SPAIN'S ROYAL PALACE

Heir to the Spanish Throne Arrives and the Wildest Rejoicing Prevails Throughout the Nation—Business is Suspended.

Madrid, May 10.—The royal flag of Spain floats over the palace today and every true Spaniard has emitted a hearty cheer. For that flag is a signal to the nation that a prince of Asturias and heir to the Spanish throne has been born.

Madrid is wild with joy. The royal infant was born shortly before 1 o'clock and in five minutes all Madrid knew of the arrival of the future king. The announcement was received with greatest rejoicing. With the publication of the news, the business of the city came to a standstill in Madrid and the entire town was given over to rejoicing. Business houses closed their doors. Similar scenes were enacted in all the cities of Spain. The royal baby was named "Alfonso," and will be so christened.

PLATT ADMITS HE MADE A MISTAKE

He Shoved Roosevelt Into Second Place in the Hope of Burying Him but He Proved to be a Very Lively Political Corpse.

New York, May 10.—"That is not true," said Senator Thomas C. Platt, "I have no idea whatever of being a candidate to succeed myself. I shall serve out my term. Then I shall wait for the call to the other side. I have lived my life, and I have done what seemed to me to be the right thing to do. But I realize that there is not much left now for me to do. I would like to settle down and see the world go round."

A reporter found Mr. Platt in the front room of a flat at The Elmhurst on W. 11th Street, to which he has moved recently from the Hotel Gotham. The flat is hired in the name of Mrs. Gustav Able. Senator Platt is feeble in body, but his mind seems to be as alert and active as it was when he was the boss of the Republican party in New York. The weather was so bad that the senator had decided not to go down to the United States Express office. He was in a talkative and reminiscent mood.

"Senator," asked the reporter, "tell me how you feel now toward Mr. Roosevelt."

"Just as I always did. I was in a position to make him governor in 1898. Black had alienated a large and important section of the Republican party and this man, Theodore Roosevelt, coming back from the war in Cuba, was the man I selected to get the voters. It was necessary to pick out a man who would win. Mr.

Roosevelt was nominated; it was purely politics. I never saw a Roosevelt man, as the saying goes.

"But, senator, you kicked him up stairs into the vice presidency?" "I did that very thing. Roosevelt wanted a renomination for governor in 1900. The Republican organization or machine in New York didn't want him. I did what I could to stir up the western delegates at the Philadelphia convention to make Roosevelt take that nomination. He knew it was largely my work and for a time he was vexed. He thought that making him vice president meant putting him out of the race for the presidency.

"But later and before he became president through the death of our great president, McKinley, Mrs. Roosevelt saw things in a new light. I think Mr. Roosevelt felt that he was in line to be elected president at the end of McKinley's term. But I didn't make him vice president with any such idea."

"You mean, senator, that when you kicked Governor Roosevelt upstairs, you thought you were getting rid of him politically?" "I mean just that."

"And you are sorry when he succeeded to the presidency?" "I've been sorry every time I thought of it. I never wanted Theodore Roosevelt to be president. It was a mistake, as I see it now for me to make him vice president and give him his chance to be president."

HAS NOT WASHED FACE FOR FIFTEEN YEARS

Webster City, Iowa, May 10.—Miss Amanda Johnson, of this city one of the most beautiful women in Northwestern Iowa, has not washed her face for 15 years. Though she is 50 years old, and still unwed, she is far from being an old maid. She is bright and cheerful and fun loving. Her face is free from wrinkles and complexion faultless as the skin of a baby's. Fifteen years ago her complexion was far from beautiful. She came to the conclusion that soap and water are not good for the face. Miss Johnson does not intend to wash her face again for 15 years, according to her decision.

ACREAGE DECREASED

Winter Wheat is Short More Than Three and One Half Million Acres.

Washington, May 10.—The crop reporting bureau of the agriculture department, today, issued the following estimates.

Winter wheat area remaining under cultivation May 1, 28, 132,000 acres, which is 11.2 per cent, or about 3,533,000 acres less than the area of winter wheat reported as harvested last year. Average condition May first 82.9, as compared with 89.9 on April 1, 90.9 on May 1st, 1906, 92.5 on May 1st, 1905 and 85.5 mean on May averages for last ten years.

Winter rye average condition May 1st 88 per cent, as compared with 92 on April first; 92.9 on May 1, 1906; and 89.5 mean of May averages for last ten years.

A TRUCE ARRANGED

Evelyn and Mrs. William Thaw will Rub Noses with Mrs. Holman.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 10.—Finally realizing that Harry Kendall Thaw is in dire extremity, his relatives are determined to present a solid front at the next trial. For this purpose Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw has come to Pittsburg and is staying with her mother-in-law at Lyndhurst.

She purposes to effect a reconciliation with her mother, Mrs. C. J. Holman. Arrangements have already been perfected for Evelyn and Mrs. Thaw to call upon Mrs. Holman before the week is out and formally ratify a reconciliation.

Mrs. William Thaw is a party to the tripartite agreement, because Mrs. Holman was but little more incensed at Evelyn's attitude than she was at the severe snubbing given her by the Thaw family. So the Dowager Mrs. Thaw must also tender an olive branch. Evelyn today expressed a costly bouquet of roses to Harry Thaw in the Tombs.

LYNCHING PARTY IS INDICTED FOR MURDER

South McAlester, Ind., Terr., May 10.—Grand Jury in United States Court here returned indictments charging J. H. Newman and John Williams, of Durant; Thomas Lawrence, of Sterrett; and Seymour Tale, of Texas; with murder. They are charged with being the leaders of a mob which hanged a negro, James Williams, charged with attacking a white girl at Sterrett, March 31.

MYSTERIOUS CONFERENCES ARE HELD AT BOISE

Some Sensations are Expected to Develop in Trial—Only Two of the Eleven Jurors will be Allowed to Stay.

Boise, Idaho, May 10.—There were sensational developments in the trial of William D. Haywood today. First there was a hurried conference of attorneys for the defense and agents of the Western Federation of Miners from Colorado, Idaho and Nevada. The list of witnesses filed by the prosecution was carefully analyzed.

An extended conference of attorneys for the prosecution with several mysterious strangers, who arrived on a night train and left soon after, was also held and finally it was reported that of the eleven men re-

maining in the jury box when the court recessed until Monday, eight of whom are still subject to examination by the defense and all are liable to peremptory change by both sides, but two have the slightest prospects of remaining in the box for the actual trial.

It is said the defense and the prosecution expect to weed the box soon after court convenes Monday. William Van Arsdale, a Boise grocer and Samuel Gilman, a veteran of the Philippine War are the two likely to stay.

ASHES FROM VOLCANO DEVASTATE AN ISLAND

Mount Stromboli Becomes More Violent and it is Feared the Whole Group of Islands May be Laid Waste Before the Eruption Ceases.

Messina, May 10.—The eruption of Mount Stromboli has become more violent and the apprehension is growing.

The violence of the present disturbance is declared to be without precedent, even the oldest inhabitants of the Lianari islands not remembering such a threatening condition. Almost all the people of Stromboli island have made their escape. Ashes from the volcano have destroyed everything on the island.

The detonations are heard at all the other islands of the group with remarkable distinctness and produce an effect of terrific roaring. Fears are held that the entire island of Stromboli may be shattered or engulfed.

At the same time activity of Etna, on the eastern coast of Sicily has increased. The column of smoke rolling out of the crater serves to reflect the fire within, and the illuminated smoke clouds can be seen from Catania and even from the Straits of Messina.



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